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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

The above-identified application is filed concurrently herewith, please amend the specification as follows:

After the title and before FIELD OF THE INVENTION insert the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority of Japanese Application No. 2003-084600 filed March 26, 2003, the complete disclosure of which are hereby incorporated by reference. –

In th claims

1. (currently amended) A side mirror cover comprising: a mirror cover body (22) for covering the front surface of a side mirror body (16) of a vehicle (10) and including a through hole (22b) having the an outer end at the position corresponding to the widthwise extremity of the vehicle (10); and a side mirror lamp (23) fitted into the through hole (22b) from the a backside of the mirror cover body (22);

wherein the side mirror lamp (23) comprises: a lamp housing (24) fitted along the a peripheral edge of the through hole (22b) formed on the mirror cover body (22) so as to close up the through hole (22b) and provided with a plurality of light emitting elements (27); and a

translucent lamp cover (26) fitted to either one or both of the lamp housing (24) and the mirror cover body (22) so as to cover the plurality of light emitting elements (27),

wherein the through hole (22b) is formed by a first through hole (22d) and a second through hole (22e),

wherein the lamp housing (24) comprise: a first housing section (24a) for closing up the first through hole (22d); and a second housing section (24b) for closing up the second through hole (22e),

wherein the lamp cover (26) comprises: a first cover section (26a) facing the first housing section (24a); and a second cover section (26b) facing the second housing section (24b), and

wherein the plurality of light emitting elements (27) include: one or more first LED or LEDs (27a) provided in the second housing section (24b); and one or more second LED or LEDs (27b) provided in the first housing section (24a).

2. (currently amended) A side mirror cover according to Claim 1, wherein the first through hole (22d) is formed on ~~the~~ a side far of the mirror body most distant from the vehicle and the second through hole (22e) is formed on ~~the~~ a side of the mirror body closest closer to the vehicle, wherein the first housing section (24a) and the first cover section (26a) are formed respectively into curved shapes, wherein the first LED (27a) is provided in the second housing section (24b) so as to emit light toward the front of the vehicle (10), and wherein the second LED (27b) is provided in the first housing section (24a) so as to emit light toward the side of the vehicle (10).

3. (currently amended) A side mirror cover according to Claim 2, wherein the side mirror lamp (23) is fabricated by adhering ~~the~~ a peripheral edge of the lamp cover (26) to ~~the~~ a peripheral edge of the lamp housing (24), ~~is formed with~~ which has a recessed groove (23a) defined by ~~the~~ an outer end of the first housing section (24a) and ~~the~~ an outer end of the first cover section (26a) in the adhered state, and which is capable of being fitted on the peripheral edge of the first through hole (22d) on the side far from the vehicle (10), and ~~is~~ formed with a flange (24c) having a mounting hole (24d) at the inner end of the second housing section (24b),

wherein the mirror cover body (22) is formed with a boss (22c) at the peripheral edge of

the second through hole (22e) on the side closer to the vehicle (10), and the side mirror lamp (23) is mounted on the mirror cover body (22) by fitting the recessed groove (23a) onto the peripheral edge of the first through hole (22d) on the side ~~far~~ distant from the vehicle (10), passing a screw (32) through the mounting hole (24d), and screwing the same into the boss (22c).

4. (original) A side mirror cover according to Claim 2, wherein the first LED (27a) is a position lamp or a daytime lamp, and the second LED (27b) is a direction indicator lamp.

5. (original) A side mirror cover according to Claim 2, wherein the first cover section (26a) is formed with concavities and convexities on the inner surface thereof, so that light emitted from the second LED (27b) is scattered and directed toward the front, the side, and the rear of the vehicle.

6. (original) A side mirror body comprising: a mirror plate (18), a mirror plate covering member (17) formed so as to cover the mirror plate (18), with the inner extremity attached to the front end of an opening on a door of the vehicle (10) for accommodating side window glass at an end thereof, and provided with a through hole (17a) having the outer end positioned at the widthwise end thereof, and a side mirror lamp (23) mounted from the backside of the mirror plate covering member (17) into the through hole (17a),

wherein the side mirror lamp (23) comprises: a lamp housing (24) fitted along the peripheral edge of the through hole (17a) formed on the mirror plate covering member (17) so as to close up the through hole (17a) and provided with a plurality of light emitting elements (27), and a translucent lamp cover (26) mounted on either one or both of the lamp housing (24) and the mirror plate covering member (17) so as to cover the plurality of light emitting elements (27),

wherein the through hole (17a) comprises a first through hole (17c) and a second through hole (17d),

wherein the lamp housing (24) comprises a first housing section (24a) for closing up the first through hole (17c) and a second housing section (24b) for closing up the second through hole (17d),

wherein the lamp cover (26) comprises a first cover section (26a) facing the first housing section (24a) and a second cover section (26b) facing the second housing section (24b), and

wherein the plurality of light emitting elements (27) comprises one or more first LED or LEDs (27a) provided in the second housing section (24b) and one or more second LED or LEDs (27b) provided in the first housing section (24a).

7. (original) A side mirror body according to Claim 6, wherein the first through hole (17c) is formed on the side far from the vehicle and the second through hole (17d) is formed on the side closer to the vehicle, wherein the first housing section (24a) and the first cover section (26a) are formed respectively into curved shapes, wherein the first LED (27a) is provided in the second housing section (24b) so as to emit light toward the front of the vehicle (10), and wherein the second LED (27b) is provided in the first housing section (24a) so as to emit light toward the side of the vehicle (10).

8. (currently amended) A side mirror body according to Claim 7, wherein the side mirror lamp (23) is fabricated by adhering the peripheral edge of the lamp cover (26) to the peripheral edge of the lamp housing (24), is formed with a recessed groove (23a) defined by ~~the~~ an outer end of the first housing section (24a) and ~~the~~ an outer end of the first cover section (26a) in the adhered state, which is capable of being fitted on the peripheral edge of the first through hole (17c) on the side far from the vehicle (10), and is formed with a flange (24c) having a mounting hole (24d) at the inner end of the second housing section (24b),

wherein a boss (17f) is formed at the peripheral edge of the second through hole (17d) on the side closer to the vehicle (10), and the side mirror lamp (23) is mounted on the mirror plate covering member (17) by fitting the recessed groove (23a) onto the peripheral edge of the first through hole (17c) on the side far from the vehicle (10), passing a screw (32) through the mounting hole (24d), and screwing the same into the boss (17f).

9. (original) A side mirror cover according to Claim 7, wherein the first LED (27a) is a position lamp or a daytime lamp, and the second LED (27b) is a direction indicator lamp.

10. (original) A side mirror cover according to Claim 7, wherein the first covering section (26a) is formed with concavities and convexities on the inner surface thereof, so that light emitted from the second LED (27b) is scattered and directed toward the front, the side, and the rear of the vehicle.